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1. In Palembang, South Sumatra, there are approximately 10,000 children attending Chinese Communist schools, as against some 600 being educated in Chinese Nationalist schools. Teachers in the Communist schools, in almost every case, were educated at the University of Peiping and all are devoted Communists. One school has about 40 teachers, who arrived in Palembang since the completion of the revolution in China; these 40 replaced others at the school who were not so intensely devoted to Communism, so that the staff is now made up of Communists exclusively.
2. For instruction in formal subjects, there is one teacher for every 20 students in most of these schools. Emphasis is placed on the sciences and militant group activities. Many schools offer room and board, since the school day extends from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. Qualitatively, a responsible educator has evaluated the Communist schools as superb.
3. In addition to the training undertaken at the schools, the courses provide for outside practical training and experience in local Communist commercial enterprises, such as in rubber. Throughout the schooling, students are exposed to the current Communist songs, slogans and propaganda themes.
4. To finance this school system, the Communists collect monthly a minimum of R 5,000¹ from each family with one child or more in the schools (C-4). If the family is wealthy, payment is higher. Collection is made monthly and no receipt is offered or requested. Money is handed to the collector, who checks off the name of the donor in a notebook. Many merchants of Nationalist sympathies send their children to the Communist schools and pay the fees. Headquarters for the agency in charge of these collections is at the Capitol Movie House, 2nd floor.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. A monthly payment of R 5,000 would be prohibitive for all except wealthy families, and not at all commensurate with general tutorial rates in Indonesia.

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